Proposal to identify and develop areas on priority basis

†3310. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to include some areas after their identification for development on priority basis during the Tenth Five Year Plan for the rural development of the country;

(b) if so, the names of such areas; and

(c) total percentage of villages targeted to be benefited with developments in these areas by the end of Tenth Plan, under the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission is in the process of formulation of the Tenth Five Year Plan. Specific proposals will be known when the plan is finalised.

Projects sanctioned under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme in Karnataka

3311. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the projects sanctioned under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme in Karnataka by the Rural Development Ministry during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: A sum of Rs. 432.11 lakhs was released to Karnataka during 2000-2001 for the ongoing watershed development projects under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme. However, no new project was sanctioned. For the year 2001-2002, the Ministry has already initiated the process for sanctioning new projects under the Programme in various States including Karnataka.

Deen Dayal Bunkar Kalyan Yojana in Bihar

†3312. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced "Deen Dayal Bunkar Kalyan Yojana" in Bihar;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) The Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) has been introduced by the Government of India from the year 2000-2001 for the welfare of the Handloom Weavers all over the country including the weavers of Bihar State. The proposal received from the State Government of Bihar was, however, not in conformity with the guidelines, and hence it was returned to the State Government for revising and forwarding the same in accordance with the guidelines on the subject.

(b) DDHPY is a comprehensive scheme for the Handloom sector, to take care of a wide gamut of activities such as product development, infrastructure support, institutional support, training to weavers, supply of equipment and market support in an integrated and coordinated manner for an overall development of the sector. The scheme attempts at meeting the needs of weavers for working capital, basic inputs, creating awareness and providing support for quality fabric production. Under this scheme, the sharing between the Centre and the States is in the ratio 50:50 except in respect of North-Eastern States where the ratio is 90:10. If all the members of the beneficiary agency belong to SC/ST/Minorities/Women, the funding pattern is in the ratio of 75:25. In respect of all the States, the assistance for marketing incentives is in the ratio of 50:50.

(c) Does not arise.

Involvement of State Governments to facilitate growth in export

3313. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Textile Ministry is working on a plan to involve the State Governments to facilitate growth in exports;

(b) if so, whether State Governments have been taken into confidence about the implementation of these plans;

(c) whether any targets are being fixed for each State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?